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1. ACTING COMM DE REGION MBALA SIGNED LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 1 TO ALL LOCAL BANKS STATING THAT BANKS: (1) MUST TURN OVER ALL ACCOUNTS IN NAME OF FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN WHOSE BUSINESS HAD BEEN TAKEN OVER BY A ZAIRIAN TO THAT ZAIRIAN; (2) BANKS SHOULD QTE USE THEIR INFLUENCE UNQTE TO MAKE SURE THAT FOREIGNERS LEAVING COUNTRY HAVE PAID ALL DEBTS BEFORE LEAVING.

2. APPARENT PURPOSE OF LETTER IS TO SEIZE ANY PRIVATE AS WELL AS BUSINESS ACCOUNTS THAT AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS MAY HAVE. CONSULATE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO HEAR FROM KINSHASA AND OTHERCONSULATES IF THIS NATIONWIDE POLICY. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT IT MAY RATHER BE A KIVU INTERPRETATION (OR EXECSSIVE ZEAL). END COMMENT.

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3. PREVIOUS DEVELOPMENTS COFFE REPORTED REFTEL. SUBSTANTIAL

NUMBER OF PLANTERS HAVE NOW RECEIVED TAKE-OVER LETTERS SIGNED BY AGRICULTURE COMM D' ETAT KAYINGA IN FAMILIAR TERMS: (1) IMMEDIATE INVENTORY WITH ONC FOR QTE SITUATION ACTIVE ET PASSIVE UNQTE; (2) REIMBURESEMENT IN TEN YEARS WILL DEPEND ON GOOD BEHAVIOR; (3) INVITATION TO LEAVE EXPATRIATE PERSONNEL NEEDED TO RUN THE BUSINESS.

4. FURTHER LETTER FROM ONC DIRECTOR BANGALA SENT JANUARY 21 TO ALL BANKS STATING: (1) ALL PAYMENTS OUTSIDE OF ZAIRE INCLUDING SALARY TRANSFERS BY AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES BEING TAKEN OVER MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY APPROVED BY ONC; (2) PAYMENT OF SALARIES IN ZAIRES AND NORMAL OPERATING EXPENSES AUTHORIZED BUT (3) FULL JUSTIFICATION FOR ALL EXPENDITURES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO ONC END OF EACH MONTH.

5. SOUS-DIRECTEUR ONC AT GOMA, CITOYEN TUMBA, SENT NOTE CIRCULAIRE JANUARY 28 ADDRESSED TO ALL PLANTERS PROCESSORS AND EXPORTERS OF TEA AND MEDICINAL PLANTS ANNOUNCING TAKE-OVER BY ONC. NOTE CALL FOR CONTINUATION OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING FULFILLMENT ALL CURRENT EXPORT COMMITMENTS BUT WITH EXPORT DOCUMENTS MARKED QTE POUR COMPTE ONC UNQTE. PROVISIONS PARAS 3 AND 4 ALSO APPLY.

6. SAME NOTE ANNOUNCED THAT OTHER AGRICULTURAL EXPORT QTE FOR EXAMPLE QUININE, PAPAIN, VEGETABLE OILS AND MEDICINAL PLANTS UNQTE ALSO TO BEEXPORTED ONLY BY ONC.

7. SEPARATE NOT CIRCULAIRE OF ONC, GOMA DATED JAN 29 FORBIDS ZAIRIAN GROWERS OR BUYERS TO BUY COFFEE FROM FOREIGN GROWERS SINCE THIS CAN BE SOLD ONLY TO ONC.

8. GAS SHORTAGE IN BUKAVU HAS EASED SOMEWHAT FOLLOWING PUBLICATION IN WEEKLY JUA OF ARTICLE CRITICIZING UNSPECIFIED STATION MANAGERS FOR HOLDING BACK LARGE QUANTITIES OF GAS AND OTHER POL PRODUCTS TO CREATE HIGHT PRICES FOR CLANDESTINE SALES OR TO AWAIT RAISES IN FIXED SALE PRICE. LETTER FROM ACTING COM DE REGION MBALA THREATENED IMMEDIATE SEISURE OF ANY STATION CAUGHT DOING THIS. SHORTAGE APPEARS ALMOST AS SEVERE IN NORTH KIVU BUT LESS SEVERE IN UVIRA AREA. MANIEMA APPARENTLY RECEIVING NEAR NORMAL SUPPLIES VIA KISANGANI.

9. SOME ZAIRIANS IN PRIVATE SECTOR WHO EARLIER WERE ENTHUSIASTIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUPPORTERS OF NEW ECONOMIC MEASURES NOW SEEM BEGINNING TO HAVE SOME DOUBTS. SEVERAL HAVE PRIVATELY VOICED ALARM OVER SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC PROSPECTS. THOSE RECEIVING EXPROPRIATED ENTERPRISES NATURALLY NOT AMONG THIS GROUP.
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